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(5-9 July 1965)First Meeting of the Interagency Arctic Working Group

The first organizational meeting of the Interagency Arctic Working Group, comprising 14 representatives from 11 agencies, was convoked by J. Wallace Joyce of the Office of International Scientific and Technological Affairs, Department of State. The currently stated purpose of the Working Group is to strengthen international cooperation in Arctic research. The long-range objective is to pry open the Soviet Arctic to western observers, and to secure a more significant release of Soviet Arctic data to the Free World. Out of this may also come the prospect of developing something similar to the "thaw" and the scientific cooperation between the U.S. and the USSR that has been achieved under the Antarctic Treaty.

The first meeting laid the groundwork for a consolidated inventory of total U.S. Arctic research. This will point up gaps in U.S. research which will be corrected through more systematic programming by the U.S. (including expanded NSF activity) and in cooperation with our allies, and possibly Sweden and Finland. Out of this U.S. initiative it is expected that the USSR will become interested -- and some Soviet interest stemming out of the Antarctic experience has already been evinced -- in joining such an expanding international activity. [REDACTED] represents the Agency on this Working Group.

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25X1A9A Prior to the meeting, [REDACTED] briefed the Acting Director, Office of International Scientific and Technological Affairs, on Soviet Arctic activities.

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DBI ACTIVITY REPORT ITEM  
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Agreement With DIA for Joint CIA/DIA Production of Intelligence  
Map Series on Communist China

Agreement on production of an intelligence-map series covering Communist China was reached on 8 July 1965 at a meeting between DBI and personnel of DIA's Directorate of Mapping, Charting, and Geodesy (DIAMC). The map series will be all-source, issued at ~~SECRET~~ classification. It will utilize existing medium-scale map bases, particularly DIA's new 1:250,000 Joint Operations Graphic (JOG), as much as possible. As in the case of the USSR series ("Collation Project"), the Department of Engineer Special Projects Activities (DESPA) of AMS will compile the base material and reproduce the maps. Coverage of the entire area of Communist China is to be achieved by the end of FY 1971.

The meeting also produced DIA "validation" of the ~~SECRET~~ version of the USSR intelligence-map series, with completion in FY 1968, and acceptance of the need to maintain the currency of maps in both series.

DIAMC's complete agreement to our proposals clearly reflects internal DIA pressures resulting from USIB action on Communist China. A more complete report will be sent forward following receipt of DIAMC's formal response.

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